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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1945, its lateness is due to the necessary statistics not being available earlier.

Population	...	...	...	15,660				
				<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>		
Live Births	(Legitimate			241	120	121	)	Birth rate 17.4
	(Illegitimate			32	16	16	)	England & Wales
								16.1
Still Births	...	...	...	11	8	3	)	Rate per 1,000
							)	Total Births 40
Deaths	...	..	...	225	106	119	)	Death Rate 14.3
							)	England & Wales
							)	11.4

Death rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 births - 47

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...		<u>Notified</u>
							24
							(Hospital 8)
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...		1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...		8
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	...	...		2
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...		6
Measles	...	...	...	...	...		539
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...		10
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...		4
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...		2 (1 fatal)
Polio-Myelitis	...	...	...	...	...		1
Tuberculosis				Respiratory	14 (10 males)		19
					4 females)		
				Other Forms	5 (3 males)		
					2 females)		
Tuberculosis Deaths				Respiratory	4		
				Other Forms	1		5

The amount of infectious diseases was about the average; measles was prevalent all over the District.

The scheme of immunisation against diphtheria was continued; 157 children under 5 years completed the course of treatment.

WATER

It is estimated that 85% of the dwellinghouses in the district are connected to a water main. Standpipes are very few.

The water supply of the district has been satisfactory, except in the more outlying and sparsely populated parts e.g. Heckfield, where mains are not available and every season of moderate dryness causes shortage.

Analysis of the Hartley Wintney parish supply has been regularly carried out and uniformly satisfactory. The water of the Mid Wessex Water Company has not been sampled in this district.

SEWERAGE

The increased provision and use of water creates problems of sewage disposal. Sewers are badly needed in Hawley and to a slightly less degree in Yateley and Crondall.

INFESTATION

This has not been a serious problem, instances being very few. The new insecticides will doubtless be a great help in dealing with verminous persons and premises. Scabies has considerably declined.

STAFF

The return of Mr. Ling from military service in April 1945 enables some of the leeway in Sanitary work to be made up, but the difficulties resulting from the war are a handicap at every turn. During the year under review 32 samples of milk were taken from producers in this area, with the following results :-

Satisfactory	10
Fairly Satisfactory	18
Unsatisfactory	4

Samples of water were submitted for analysis from 14 wells in various parts of the district. 8 were certified to be satisfactory and 6 as unsatisfactory. Appropriate action was taken in regard to the unsatisfactory supplies.

There is no public slaughterhouse situate in the district, but food inspection continues and the following table shows the quantity condemned as unfit for human consumption during 1945.

<u>Meat</u>	888 lbs.	<u>Fish</u>	433 lbs.	<u>Fruit</u>	318 lbs.
<u>Vegetables</u>	245 lbs.	<u>Cheese</u>	42 lbs.	<u>Milk</u>	153 tins

Yours faithfully,

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